

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Irrigation Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri Palakurthi Ravi, S/o. Sammaiah, Deputy Executive Engineer, IFFC-1, Division No.3, LMD Colony, Karimnagar, Karimnagar District – Trapped on 26.09.2013 – Sanction of prosecution – Accorded - Orders – Issued.

IRRIGATION & C.A.D.(VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 29

Dated: 18/05/2016

ORDER:

Whereas Sri Palakurthi Ravi, s/o. Sammaiah, Aged 37 years, worked Deputy Executive Engineer, IFFC-1, division No.3, LMD Colony, Karimnagar, Karimnagar District during the period from 20.07.2012 to 26.09.2013 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under category of a public servant as defined under clause (c) of Section (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

2. And whereas, the complainant Sri Akula Shravan, S/o. Ramulu, Aged 29 years, is resident of H.No.5-6-618, Kapuwada, Karimnagar Town & District and ekes out his livelihood by doing mechanic works. He hired his own Indica DLX Car bearing No.AP-15TV-2677 to the office of the Executive Engineer, I & CAD, IFFC division No.3, LMD Colony, Karimnagar from 01.08.2012 @ ₹.24,000/- per month. After that, the I/c. Executive Engineer, I & CAD, IFFC-I, Division No.3, LMD Colony was executed Agreement Bond on 30.12.2012 stating that he entered into agreement for (7) months i.e., from 01.09.2012 to 31.03.2012 and a copy of the same was provided to him. The said car, which hired by E.E., was utilized by Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E., I & CAD IFFC-I, division No.3, LMD Colony, Karimnagar for his official duties. In this regard, the complainant Sri Akula Sharavan was paid an amount of ₹.70,344/- on 27.02.2013 and ₹.70,344/-on 26.03.2013 towards hire charges of said vehicle for (6) months i.e., from September, 2012 to February, 2013 excluding the income tax through his SBH Account. After completion of the agreement period, his vehicle was removed from the engage on 31.03.2013. As the hire charges for the months of August, 2012 and March-2013 are due to him, he approached Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. in his office in the month of April-2013. And when he asked about his due bills, Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. stated that as the month of August-2012 was not entered in the agreement and there was no hope for payment of hire charges for that month and he would provide said hire charges personally. Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. also informed that the bill for the month of March-2013 was not yet sent to division Office and the same would be sent soon. After one month, when he approached again, Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. informed that the bill for the month of August-2012 may not be paid and demanded an amount of ₹.8,000/- as bribe for forward the bill for the month of March-2012 to the division office. As the complainant facing financial problems, he expressed his inability to give such amount as bribe. But, Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. firmly stated that he would not be received without giving such bribe amount. When the complainant met Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. in the months of June and July 2013. Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. reiterated his earlier demand of bribe.

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Because of the work load, the complainant did not meet Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. for his pending bill in the meantime. Finally, the complainant met Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. in the morning of 24.09.2013 in his office at LMD Colony and requested about his pending bill. For which, Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. stated that the said bill was forwarded to the Division office and further asked to give the amount of ₹.8,000/- as demanded earlier to get pass the bill by the E.E. and for payment of said bill. On the persistent requests of the complainant, Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. reduced the bribe amount to ₹.5,500/- and demanded the same for arranging to pass his bill otherwise not to met him. As there is no alternative, he reluctantly agreed to give the bribe amount of ₹.5,500/- and to arrange the same within 2 days. Then Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. asked him to give the said amount at his residence situated in Jyothinagar, Karimnagar before 9:00 A.M. of any day, for which he agreed and came back.

3. And whereas, the complainant Sri Akula Sravan was unwilling to pay the demanded bribe amount to Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E., I & CAD, IFFC-1, Division No.3, LMD Colony, Karimnagar, he approached O/o. the D.S.P., A.C.B., Karimnagar Range, Karimnagar and lodged a complaint before the D.S.P., A.C.B., on 24.09.2013 at 1700 hours, with a request to take necessary action against said Dy.E.E. The D.S.P., A.C.B., after due verification, registered a case vide Cr.No.37/ACB-KNR/2013, u/s.7 of P.C.Act, 1988 on 26.09.2013 at 0600 hours and took up the investigation.

4. And whereas, Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E., I&CAD, IFFC-I, Division No.3, LMD Colony, Karimnagar demanded and accepted an amount of ₹.5,500/- as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration from the complainant Sri Akula Sravan at his residence on 26.09.2013 about 0840 hours and he was trapped by the D.S.P., A.C.B., Karimnagar Range, Karimnagar. The tainted bribe amount of ₹.5,500/- was recovered at the instance of Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. which was kept on blue colour jeans pant kept in the wall shelf of his bed room. The both hand fingers of Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. yielded positive result, when conducted chemical test. The connected records were seized at the instance of Sri Ponna Mallikarjun, Sr. Asst. working in the O/o. Executive Engineer, I&CAD, Division No.3, LMD and Sri T.Purushotham, Jr.Asst. working in the O/o. Dy.E.E., I.F.F.C-1, division No.3, LMD.

5. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E., I&CAD, IFFC-1, Division No.3, LMD Colony, Karimnagar constitutes the offence punishable U/Section 7 and section 13 (1) (d) read with section 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

6. And whereas, the Government of Telangana, being the competent authority to remove said Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E., I&CAD, IFFC-1, Division No.3, LMD Colony, Karimnagar from Government service, after carefully examining the material i.e., FIR, Pre Trap & Post Trap proceedings including the official favour file i.e., hired charges in respect of march, 2013 bill placed before them and having applied the mind to the facts in respect of said allegations and having regard to the circumstances of the case, considered Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. should be prosecuted in a competent court of law for the aforesaid offences.

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7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 (central Act 49 of 1988) the Government of Telangana hereby accorded sanction for the prosecution of Sri Palakurthi Ravi, Dy.E.E. I&CAD, IFFC-1, Division No.3, LMD Colony, Karimnagar for the offences punishable under section 7 and section 13 (1) (d) read with section 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offence punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the above said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by the court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

(Dr.SHAILENDRA KUMAR JOSHI)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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